A journalist, dramatist, producer of plays and writer, Shri Tanvir was a good debater and interested in hiking in his student days. He was an Associate of the Drama Board, London and was the Editor of "Textile Journal" and "Box Office". Apart from being a drama critic as well as a film critic for many newspapers and magazines, Shri Tanvir also served as the Senior Editor of the Soviet Information Department, New Delhi from 1965 to 1972.

Shri Tanvir acted in plays, wrote and produced plays for Indian People's Theatre Association, Bombay; founded the first professional theatre in Delhi, 'The Hindustan Theatre' in 1954; and also founded 'Naya Theatre' in 1959. Some of his important productions were Sudraka's 'Mrichchakatika', Visakhadatta's 'Mudra Rakshas', Agha Hashar's 'Rustom-o-Sohrab' and his own 'Agra Bazar', 'Shatranj ke Mohrey', 'Merey Baad' and 'Charan Das Chor'. He wrote songs and dialogues for films and made advertising films for T.V. He also acted in films.

Shri Habib Tanvir was awarded the 'Sangeet Natak Akademi Award' in 1969, the 'Padma Shri' award in 1983, the 'Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship', in 1996 and the 'Padma Bhushan' award in 2002.

Shri Habib Tanvir was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in April, 1972, and remained a Member of this House till April, 1978.

In the passing away of Shri Habib Tanvir, the country has lost a veteran theatre personality, a leading playwright and an eminent Parliamentarian.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shrimati Vidyawati Chaturvedi and Shri Habib Tanvir.

I request the Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved families our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report on the Action Taken pursuant to the Recommendations of the JPC on Stock Market Scam

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twelfth Progress Report on the Action Taken pursuant to the Recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Stock Market Scam and matters relating thereto (June, 2009). [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 11/15/09]

Notification of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table, a

copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs) Notification No. G.S.R. 151 (E) dated the 4th March, 2009, publishing the Standards of Weights and Measures (General) Amendment Rules, 2009, under sub-section (4) of Section 83 of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 13/15/09]

Notification of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Notification No. G.S.R. 138 (E), dated the 27th February, 2009, publishing the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2009, under sub-section (3) of Section 22 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10/15/09]

Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Sir, on behalf of Shri Jairam Ramesh, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment & Forests Notification S.O. 521 (E), dated the 20th February, 2009, regarding Constitution of National Ganga River Basin Authority, under Section 26 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 12/15/09]

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Sir, I present the Hundred and Thirty-fifth Report* (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Petitions on the petition praying for a national debate and evolving consensus on the implementation of the policy for introduction of sex education in the CBSE affiliated Schools and holding back its introduction until then.

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REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR (Assam): Sir, I present a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table:

(i) Hundred-eighteenth Report regarding laying of the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Leh, Jammu and Kashmir Development Finance Corporation Limited, (JKDFC) Jammu, Ujala Society Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan,

*This Report was presented to Hon'ble Chairman on the 2nd April, 2009, when the Rajya Sabha was not in session. Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha, has also ordered printing, publication and circulation of the Report.